GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:82
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2002
OPTIMUM UTILISATION PROGRAMME FOR AIRPORTS
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalised optimum utilisation programme of National and International Airports in India;

(b) if so, the name of airports to be given top priority;

(c) the details of the leasing conditions, project appraisal report and benefits to be accrued by such leasing of airports particularly Mumbai airport; and

(d) the action plan of the Government to improve the situation like waiting period etc.?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)
(a), (b), (c) & (d) :- A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c) & (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.82 for 25th November 2002 regarding Optimum utilization programme for airports.
(a) & (b) :- Airports Authority of India (AAI) assesses therequirement of air-side and terminal capacities at domestic and international airports on an on-going basis, vis-a-vis the existing capacities, and takes up requisite measures for optimum utilization as well as capacity augmentation, as and when required. Major airports like Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Trivandrum, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad and Calicut etc. are accorded priority.
(c) :- In January, 2000 the Government decided to restructure the four International Airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata to attract private sector investment and upgrade these airports to world class standards, with latest technology, facilities and managerial skills. Action is in hand for finalizing the legal framework and transaction structure for this purpose.
(d) :- Modernisation of Air Traffic Services (ATS) at Mumbai and Delhi has already been completed, which has resulted in increased traffic handling capacity to 30 flights per hour, thereby reducing the waiting period for the aircraft. AAI has also engaged a consultant through International Civil Aviation Organisation for carrying out a study and suggest possible solutions for further enhancing traffic handling capacity of Delhi and Mumbai airports. As regards waiting period for the passengers in the terminals, the position would improve in the four metro airports, once the restructuring exercise is completed.